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legislative resolution. I won't ask for rule suspension or what have you. It will come up in the regular course of events and we can then discuss the merits or lack thereof of the resolution. But I think that is the appropriate process and the better way of handling the issue that Senator DeCamp has raised with us at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, that is the first most brilliant idea of the session. I withdraw my proposal. I would love to go with his.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any objections to withdrawing? If not, so ordered. We will move on down to LR 1.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 1 was offered by Senator Warner. It calls for an amendment to Article III, Section 22 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. The resolution was read for the first time on January 6th of last year. It was referred to the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee for hearing. The resolution was advanced to the floor, Mr. President. I have no amendments at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LR 1 is a constitutional amendment which would enable the Legislature to do two things as a matter of procedure. One is to make a biannual budget during the odd numbered session for the two ensuing years. Example would have been the '83-'84 budget we would have done and the '84-'85 last year. Then in the short session which we are always pressed for time as it has worked out why any adjustments that were appropriate because of inflation or deflation, whichever might have occurred, why those adjustments could be made. It takes 33 votes regardless to do then. It takes 33 votes for a budget bill so there is no impact one way or the other there. The reason I have an interest in this that budgets really, budgets really are one of the methods that the Legislature looks to give directions of programs and some stability to a program at least of a two-year interval. I think it is far more beneficial. It